

Alexandria Gazette and Virginia Advertiser

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Weather Probabilities, Oct. 11, 1881.—For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, moderately windy, stationary or higher barometer, falling followed by rising temperature.

LAFAYETTE IN ALEXANDRIA.—The artist in this country of the French representatives to attend the centennial celebration at Yorktown, commemorating the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to Gen. Washington, and his French allies on the 19th of October, 1781, who intended the visit of General Lafayette to the United States in 1821. Arrived in New York harbor, on Sunday, the 13th of August, 1881. Gen. Lafayette was received on the following day with great rejoicing. On the 18th of October Lafayette reached Baltimore, from Philadelphia, where he was met by John Ryerson, Esq., Mayor, and John C. Vowell, Esq., President of the Common Council of this city, and six of its members, having been previously appointed at a meeting of the citizens for the purpose, and presented with an address, inviting him to visit Alexandria. Accepting the invitation Lafayette arrived in Washington on Tuesday, the 12th of October, and is in Alexandria on the following Saturday. He was received in this city in truly grand style. The military and civic procession is described in the Alexandria Gazette of the 19th of October as one of the most gorgeous ever witnessed in the town. The General crossed the town from the Potomac Bridge and was received with a salute of artillery from Capt. Wilkinson's company and after being addressed by Gen. Walter Jones, was reported by Andrew's company of cavalry, and the Alex. City guard escort, under the orders of Capt. James Carson and George P. Wiss, with Robert L. Lee and Robert E. Lee, marshals, to the tune of "Hail to the Chief." On Washington street the General, escorted by the civic procession, proceeded under a massive grand arch, forming a front sixty-four feet and eight inches high. From the columns on which was a crest, rose two pyramids, surmounted with flag staffs, upon one of which was hoisted the national flag of France, and on the other that of the United States. On the north front of the arch, in large letters, was painted "Welcome Lafayette—A Nation's gratitude thy due." There were also many other appropriate mottoes. On the top of the arch was a library, and a real miniature oasis, which, on the upper of the first眷 spreading its wings showed to much advantage. From the large arch two smaller ones were thrown over the side pavements tastefully decorated. On the top of one was a figure, representing peace; on the other a figure representing plenty. The banners of Washington and Lafayette were suspended from the sides of the columns. After General Lafayette had been conducted through the arch, his eyes on the line of troops on King street, who were at present in review. On his arrival Royal street, an entire scene of rejoicing ensued. One hundred young girls and our beloved boys from every twelfth year old, were arrayed in lines extending to the rear of the room. They were neatly dressed—the hand in white, with blue sashes and bows, and leather ribbons; the boys in blue, with pink sashes and badges. As the General approached, Miss Rosina Taylor, a beautiful belle, daughter of Robert L. Taylor, our superb orator and spoke with becoming grace and manner the following lines:

Fayett friend of Washington,
Freedom's children greet thee;
Fame for thee our histories we,
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F. A. Reed, Jr., Grand Captain General of Knights Templar in Virginia, returned this morning from Richmond, Va., whence he went yesterday on business connected with the Yorktown centennial celebration. The Allentown, Pa., Circuit Band, which has been engaged for the Grand Commandery of Virginia, will accompany, Old Dominion Commandery, of this city, to Yorktown.

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AN ELEGANT LINE OF ALL WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, red and white, at 10th King street, cost 100 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

BOARDING HOUSE.—The handsome residence on Queen street, recently occupied by Mr. Penick, has been entirely renovated and so pain and expense have been spared in rendering it attractive as a most delightful Boarding House. Mrs. DORSEY will take possession on the first of November, 1881.

CHILDREN'S MESSING SHIRTS AND DRAWS.—AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

100 POUNDS OLD PLANTATION SMOKING TOBACCO received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

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POLICE ITEMS.—Major Buckham had before him this morning a saloon keeper, charged with selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday last in violation of the provisions of the law on the subject, and a colored boy named Samuel Chase, for occupying the cars at the Virginia Midland Railway depot. The saloon keeper was discharged with no evidence against him, and the boy Chase was sent to the chamber for thirty days in default of the payment of the fine.

SENT TO JAIL FOR SHOOTING HIS WIFE'S PARAMOUR.—Milton Hall, an old colored man of this city, was arrested this morning by Constable Sipple, charged with shooting Richard Carter, alias "Scar-faced Dick," in Fairfax County, April last, and taken before Justice Whittlesey, who committed him to jail to await the action of the Fairfax authorities. Carter and Hall's wife, Polly Hall, away from home in this city, and hence the shooting.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge A. W. Clinton presiding.—C. M. vs. George Winters; indicted for robbing a police officer in the discharge of his duty; jury sworn, but unable to agree.

Court adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

LOCAL BREVIETIES.

Mr. Giles Penick, formerly of this city, died yesterday at Suffolk, whence he had gone to take charge of a school.

A vicious cow in the southern portion of the city, under the "toys" a four-year-old child yesterday. By some providential interposition the child's body escaped the fatal blow, one of which, however, penetrated the worsted sleeve of the child, rending it, after which the lifeless body was laid aside. It appears in scriptural language that this is "not been wont to push with a horn in time past," and if both been testify to its owner, "he should not immediately bring master."

To endeavor to "head up the river against a strong wind and no current wind, in flat water" is no easy board, is the imagery often used to express the tribulations incident to life. Various men have been exposed to such difficulties, but an excuse, a party which passed down the river from Washington in an open boat last Sunday morning on their return were literally beat with all those inconveniences, and a terrible rain storm in addition. They soon, however, made the best of their bad luck by taking down the sail, and the remainder swerved under the sail as they would a bell. After a given time their soaked garments would allow them to exchange places and so alternately at the oars, and under the sail, the party finally reached home.

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth," is the language of the prophet Joel when describing the miraculous dealings of Jehovah with this mundane sphere in the latter days, and from the celestial phenomena our attention is constantly directed to it, would seem that the wonders were "beginning to come." At least one phenomenon item appeared in the column giving a description of heavenly scenes an old colored woman positively averred she saw moving to and fro beyond the clouds this "vision" was treated with ridicule by the sensible parties in this city and section corroborated the woman's statement. But, miraculously, a young lad of this place was astonished and considerably terrified a night or two ago at being allowed the great privilege of beholding the patriarch of old, a ladder reaching from earth to heaven! The wanderer toward Padan Aram, however, behold the ladder in a dream, while a young honored man was favored with the glorious spectacle in her waking moments through her natural optics. We have already seen that about half a dozen comets appear at different times in the heavens, and astronomer's fail to expect a meteor shower the latter part of this month, when a visibility of the following will be apparent.—"And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her fruit when she is shaken of a mighty wind." And in addition to all this an indica prophet tells us will midnight on November 12th the Christian dispensation will end by the fulfillment of the following:—"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the sky. After which, blessedness, the earth may commence her task of judgment from apocalyptic vision.

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